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Club Toy Drive Set for Holidays

The holidays are all about giving. So, as part of its mission of giving back to the community, the Club is proud to announce that it will help support a toy drive over the holidays for members looking to help give back, too.

The Club is proud to be supporting the Toy Drive sponsored by the Central City Police Boosters.

A toy bin will be placed at the main City Employees Club office at the World Trade Center, 350 S. Figueroa St. downtown.

The Club will gladly accept your donations Nov. 3 through Dec. 8.

Toys will be for the Underprivileged Youth in the Downtown area and distributed at the Holiday Party to be held at Arco Plaza. The date of this party is to be announced.

Toys should be for children from the first to fifth grade.

The Club would be happy to have members help in this important project. Call the Club, or contact your counselor if you'd to drop off a toy, or help in some way.

More information will be available in the Dec. issue of *Alive!*

Anyone wanting to help this great cause can contact their Club counselor, or call LAPD Officer Marie Kardiban at (213) 847-0248.



Wanna be heard?

What do you think of the Club's holiday toy drive? Will you help us? Let us know: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



City Employees Club of Los Angeles

Club members who attended ClubFest 2003 Oct. 5 at Calamigos Ranch are still talking about the great afternoon of food, fun and the fantastic family atmosphere that combined to create the greatest Club event yet.

The event sold out—almost exactly 2,000 Club members and their families attended ClubFest 2003. The Club administrators set that limit to ensure that difficulties of last year's ClubFest (overcrowding, long lines, traffic jams) were not repeated.

Excellent management and a great spirit of fun made those difficulties a thing of the past.

Whether people came by themselves or with friends or families, the afternoon's pace was relaxed and friendly, and Club members from different City departments introduced them-



The sack race: Harder than it looks!

selves to each other and made new fast friends.

Many hundreds of partiers were having such a good time that they remained right up to—and past—closing time.

"When I heard about ClubFest, I wasn't going to go," said Charlotte Bullock, a Club member and a Senior Clerk Typist at ITA. "But it sounded different this year, and [her friend] Rosie Delgado [also a Senior Clerk Typist at the ITA] suggested we go.

"This is just a great picnic," Charlotte said, sitting at a picnic table in the comfortable

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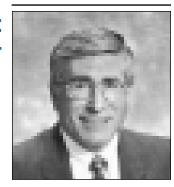
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and Support Services Union, Local 3090		Retired L.A. City Employees, Inc.	(213) 255-9082
DWP Credit Union	(213) 580-1690	Whistleblower/ Complaint Program	(800) 824-4825

Have a number you'd like us to include? Send it in: alive@cityemployeesclub.com $\,$

by **Rodney Punt**Insurance Services Board Member

ClubFest 2003 Was An Amazing Success For Kids of All Ages



Spontaneous combustion: the ignition of energy within a body of constituents without external prodding. That about sums up the experience of ClubFest 2003 at Calamigos Ranch in the hills above Malibu on a magical day this past October 5. To understand how successful this year's ClubFest was, try seeing Calamigos Ranch through the eyes of the 600 children from Club member families who attended.

Imagine discovering green, grassy glens, framed by tall trees, each with a magical character and stocked with equipment for sports and games; a large rope for tug-of-war contests; gunny sacks for the three-legged races; a huge blown-up plastic slide hosed with water; baseball and volleyball equipment; and a horse-drawn trailer for the hayride ranch tour.

Imagine hot dogs, barbequed hamburgers, baked beans, corn-on-the-cob, soft drinks,

and all the ice cream you can eat. But wait, there's hardly time for eating; we're having too much fun throwing horseshoes, riding ponies, playing hide-and-seek, and jumping barefoot in grassy puddles near the water slide!

That's how it was for six glorious hours, and then some, on that warm Sunday afternoon as nearly 2000 Club members and their families relaxed and enjoyed the natural wonders of Malibu's rustic environment.

With conversation, raffles and relaxation in addition to sports, there was plenty to do for the bigger folks who brought those kids. Old acquaintances were renewed, new friendships made, and ClubFest staff and Board members interacted with City employees in a setting only California can produce. Requests are pouring in to repeat the bargain experience at the same location next year.

In so many ways, The Club is bringing that often-invoked but so seldom achieved state of

fellowship called "community" to our City family.

Club staffers at ClubFest. Bottom row, from left: Howard Pompel and John Hawkins. Top row, from left: Rose Hyland, Leigh Thompson, Alan Bound, Trinh Pham, Summy Lam, Beverly Haro, Jamie Bergantz and Bob Dow.



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- Retirees Corner
- News that matters!
- Department of the Month
- Opinion column
- Movie reviews
- Organized Club information

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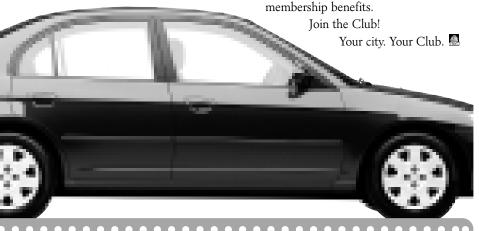
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It's just another benefit of your Club membership. Here are some others:

- *Alive!* newspaper subscription—delivered to your home
- Huge ticket discounts
- Invitation to Club-exclusive events
- Use of the Club Website
- And other benefits!

Keep reading *Alive!* for the latest news on membership benefits.



Members Speak Out

■ Here Are Three Who Went to ClubFest ... and Loved It!

ClubFest was terrific! My whole family and there; there were 17 of us. We had such a blast; it was the best time ever. It was twice as good as the year before.

The picnic games, sumo wrestling and all the moon-bouncers delighted my kids to no end. The food was fabulous, and when you said unlimited that is really what it meant.

There is not one thing to complain about with the entire event because it was the best time ever.

Looking forward to next year. We sincerely had great fun!

— Gary and Tasha Phillips, Club members

Thank you for asking us to attend your event yesterday. We got lots of laughs and thought everyone was having a good time.

That spray foam was a hoot, and the kids were enjoying themselves immensely!

I hope you got lots of positive feedback. I can't imagine why anyone would not

I hope you got lots of positive feedback. I can't imagine why anyone would not have enjoyed themselves.

— Mary Jo Deimer, Club Partner

I am writing this short letter concerning ClubFest Oct. 5. Everything was really great: the staff, location, food and games. My family, friends and I really had a good time. It was worth the ride out.

My favorite game was Bingo and the different raffle and prize giveaways. My friend's son enjoyed the foam games and the pony ride. Overall, all the games were fine.

— Patricia Dorsey, ITA, Club member



WRITE TO US TODAY: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or conventionally: The Club, World Trade Center, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071





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Newsbriefs

PORT TRUCK TRAFFIC

The Port of Los Angeles is forming a working group, co-chaired by Harbor Commissioner James Acevedo and



Councilwoman Janice Hahn, to identify opportunities of reducing truck traffic on the highways during peak commuter hours. The action was approved by the full Board at last month's Board of Harbor Commissioners meeting.

The formation of the working group preceded the recent tragic accident on the 710 Freeway, Mayor Hahn said. However, he added that he believed the working group would give the Port and the City of Los Angeles a stronger voice in communicating concerns about safety of Port-related truck traffic to the transportation agencies responsible for the freeways.

The working group, made up of stakeholders in the cargo supply chain, Port commissioners Tom Warren and Camilla Townsend Kocol, and Port staff, will explore opportunities at terminals such as extended gate hours and expanded on-dock rail capabilities, will reach out to warehouses and trucking companies to identify their operational challenges, and will conduct a series of workshops and hearings.

BEACH SMOKING BAN?

Noting that cigarette butts litter beaches and damage the environment, Councilmember Jack Weiss Oct. 14 called for a ban on smoking on area beaches.

"There is absolutely no excuse for leaving cigarette butts on the beach," said Weiss. "If it takes a law to stop it, then so be it."

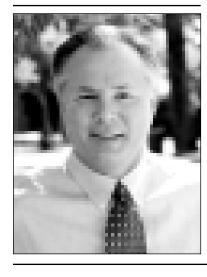


Cigarettes are the most common litter on California's beaches, and most are deliberately left in the sand and surrounding areas by smokers. During the California Coastal Commission's 2002 Coastal Cleanup Day more than 300,000 cigarettes were removed from the coastal area. This is more than the next five pollutants combined.

Recently several cities and states have enacted or have considered enacting bans on cigarette smoking on beaches to reduce the environmental damage and health risks caused by smoking. Weiss' measure will be heard in the City Council's Arts, Parks, Health, and Aging Committee.

Political Forum





by Tom LaBonge, Councilmember, 4th District

Volunteer Your Time To Make Los Angeles a Better City

Everyone benefits when you get involved.

ne of my favorite sayings is: "To love Los Angeles, you must live Los Angeles." This is my way of encouraging Angelenos to become engaged in their neighborhood, their community, local causes and projects. Once you get to know the names of people living and working around you on something of mutual concern and interest, Los Angeles becomes a much friendlier and more intimate city.

Ways to become connected include becoming active in homeowners groups, neighborhood councils, business improvement districts, police and park advisory boards and "Friends of ..." organizations. There's also a whole host of associations that help determine the ways things are managed on a grass-roots level. Another way is by becoming a volunteer.

Volunteer is an old-fashioned term for a private citizen who gives his or her free time to schools, institutions and non-profits without compensation. They are invaluable human resources to countless people and places throughout Los Angeles. City Hall has them—they are called the Angelinas—and they give tours of our historic landmark building. The Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and all museums, have them—they are called docents and give visitors guided tours of permanent and traveling exhibits.

Council District 4 is distinguished by the fact that so many city landmarks are within its borders, plus the city's largest urban park, Griffith Park. If I could communicate one message to you, a committed resident of any of our great neighborhoods, it is this: become involved! Give a little of yourself, and I'll guarantee that you'll get so much back in return. You can join an existing group, or spend a day with others cleaning and beautifying a local park or other public space.

Council District 4 includes these communities:

- Atwater Village
- Hollywood
- North Hollywood
- Hollywood Hills
- Griffith Park
- Toluca Lake
- Mid City
- Silver Lake
- Studio City
- Wilshire Center/Koreatown

Here are some suggestions for how you can make a difference. Join:

- Your neighborhood council
- Your homeowners association
- Your Neighborhood Watch group
- Friends of the Griffith Observatory (323) 664-1191 www.laparks.org
- Travel Town Museum (323) 662-5874 www.laparks.org
- Autry Museum of Western Heritage (323) 667-2000 www.laparks.org
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- Los Angeles County Museum of Art (323) 857-6000 www.lacma.org
- Page Museum at the La Brea Tarpits (323) 934-7243 www.tarpits.org
- Friends of the Los Angeles Library (213) 228-7515 www.lapl.com

Thank you!

Each month, Alive! invites political leaders to speak directly to City and DWP employees and retirees. Alive! brings you these views as a public service. The opinions of those on this monthly column are independent of Alive! and the City Employees Club of Los Angeles.

Just the Facts, Ma'am: Detectives to Be Honored at 'Joe Friday' Event Nov. 22

The Los Angeles Police Museum and Community Education Center plan to host "A Night With Joe Friday": A Tribute to LAPD Detectives Real and Reel" from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22.

The event will be held at the Los Angeles Police Museum and Community Education Center, 6045 York Blvd. in Los Angeles.

Cost is \$20 each. Tickets include barbecue dinner and door prizes.

The evening will feature the debut of the new detective logo.



Other highlights of the evening:

- The Copper Creek Band
- A special awards ceremony honoring the Area Hat Squad Detective of the Year, the Specialized Detective Division Hat Squad Detective of the Year, and the Ray Pinker Forensic Specialist of the Year
- The first showing of the North Hollywood Band Shootout display
- Several LAPD authors
- And no neckties are allowed!

Checks should be made payable to the LAPHS (Los Angeles Police Historical Society). The last day to purchase tickets is Nov. 14.

For more information, contact LAPHS at (323) 344-9445, or Det. Lorie Taylor or Merna Oakley at the Detective Bureau: (213) 847-4491.

"A Night With Joe Friday"

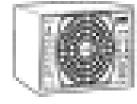
"Tribute to LAPD Detectives Real & Reel" Saturday, November 22, 2003

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Club Co-Sponsors Fight for Life: Police, Fire Units Get Into Ring

LAPD, LAFD and County units get together Nov. 14 to raise money for charity. Tickets are on sale now.

For the first time, your City Employees Club is sponsoring a City event, and a great one at that: the 10th annual Fight for Life.

It's the battle for

Los Angeles as the city's law enforcement officers and fire-fighters from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) join together and step in the boxing ring to battle their county counterparts

from the Sheriff's Department (LASD) and County Fire Department (LACoFD). These officers and firefighters will put their pride, and more importantly their chins on the line, as they take part in the 10th annual "Fight for Life" boxing fundraiser, benefiting City of

Hope Cancer Center. These blue and brown warriors will step into the ring at the Grand Olympic

Auditorium, 1801 South
Grand Ave. in downtown Los Angeles,
Friday, Nov. 14. First
bell is at 6:30 p.m.,
and the evening
includes 12 bouts in
various weight classes,
with both male and female

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the Grand Olympic box office or at TicketMaster outlets, with tickets ranging



The LAPD and LAFD square off in the first bout of the night at last year's event.

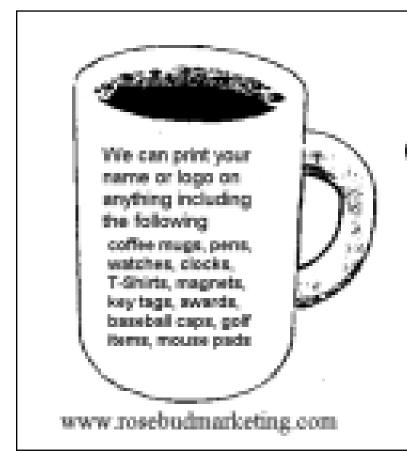
from \$10 to \$50. Event information can be found at www.cityofhope.org/fight4life .

The evening tends to bring out a capacity crowd to the Grand Olympic and has included celebrities Mark-Paul Gosselaar, star of NYPD Blue, boxing legend Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini, Gabriel and Rafael Ruelas, kickboxing icon Benny "The Jet" Urquidez, famed bodybuilder and actor Roland Kickinger and many others. More than 6,000 people filled the Grand Olympic for last year's "Fight for Life," and the event raised more than \$50,000 for City of Hope, bringing the nine-year total to more than \$250,000.

The LAPD and Sheriff's Department have special ties to City of Hope that makes this event very important to them. LAPD Officer Diane Alonzo faced a battle with leukemia in 1996 and turned to City of Hope for help. Without hesitation, both departments joined in numerous bone marrow drives to find a potential donor and one was found, her brother, a Sheriff's Department Deputy. Shortly thereafter Alonzo underwent a bone marrow transplantation at City of Hope. She returned to active duty in September 1997 and now in addition to her work with the department, she volunteers on the "Fight for Life" event committee.

"I received my miracle at City of Hope in November 1996," said Alonzo, a mother of four. "And through the efforts of the dedicated City of Hope staff, my doctor, family members, fellow brother and sister officers and friends, I was given my life back."

City of Hope is a leading biomedical research and treatment centers for cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases.



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Attention, Single Club Ladies: Fire Sale—Bachelor Firefighters To Be 'Auctioned' for Charity

Attention ladies: Here's your chance to 'secure' a bachelor firefighter for the evening!

The Los Angeles City St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will host the first Firefighters Bachelor Charity Auction from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 4.

The event will be held at the Downtown Marriott, 333 S. Figueroa St.

There will be a \$5 entry fee.

All bachelors are local area fire-fighters, promoters say.

Ladies only, please.

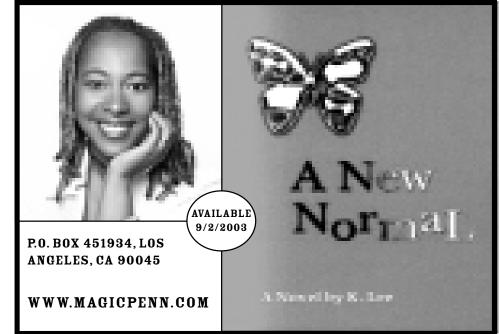
Proceeds benefit the Los Angeles City St. Patrick's Day Parade, as well as establishing the organization's scholarship fund.

The Los Angeles City St. Patrick's Day parade is a nonprofit organization administered by

> the California Community Foundation. Members are volunteers from the LAPD, LAFD and local citizen supporters.

For sponsorship, donations (!) or attendance information, contact Darlene Flores at darlene.flores@usa.com

For more information: www.stpatricksdayla.com



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Cultural Affairs Seeks African-American Events for Heritage Celebration, Calendar

The Cultural Affairs Department is a proud supporter of Los Angeles' African American Heritage celebration, which will officially begin Jan. 16 and conclude March 15. As part of the festivities, the Cultural Affairs Department and the African American Heritage Month Committee will create a comprehensive calendar listing the numerous events, exhibitions and festivals related to this

annual celebration.

The department encourages anyone to submit information for any events and activities connected to African American Heritage Month that your department or commission is hosting between Jan. 16, 2004, and March 15, 2004. To submit your department's event information, please contact Sarah Welch at (213) 473-8481 or swelch@cad.lacity.org



The deadline to submit event information is Nov. 14.

The Department appreciates your help in gathering and sharing your department's event information, and looks forward to commemorating African American Heritage Month in Los Angeles with these special activities.



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t Piper Tech, from left: Jesus Cabrera, Warehouse & Tool Room years; Frank Delavara, Communications Cable Worker, 5 years; Daniel Rivera Tool Room Warehouse Worker, 2 years; and Ron Murray, Communication





Information Technology Agency

Improving City's Technology Means Addressing All Depts.

Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Agency (ITA)

s you may know, I'm fairly new to the City, having Abeen recruited by Mayor Hahn just over a year ago to serve as Chief Information Officer (CIO), with a direc-

tive to improve management of IT for the entire City, not just ITA. This directive represents a challenging, new approach

nificant redundancies and inefficiencies,

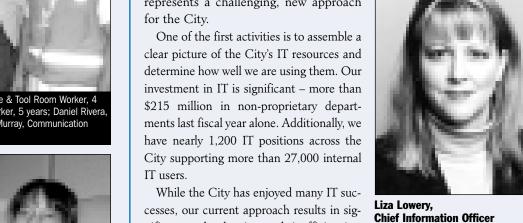
Obviously, improving ITA's delivery of services is very important. The dedicated employees of ITA provide a variety of services. Whether they are working on the new payroll sys-

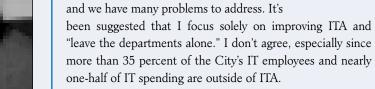
> tem, maintaining communications equipment in public safety vehicles, producing awardwinning cable TV programming, or answering the phone in the City's new 3-1-1 Center, ITA employees understand that we are here to serve our customers. Their hard work has resulted in ITA being the recipient of numerous Productivity and Improvement Awards, as well as national recognition.

> Improving ITA's services is only part of the solution. As recommendations come forward for consideration and approval, the focus is on how the City, as a whole, can maximize its investment in technology to improve services to the public. I ask that you consider what "has been," but support what "can be" by recognizing that we have new leadership with a

clear mandate for improvement, letting go of the past, valuing our IT professionals, and working together as a City family. I know we can do it. That's why I came here.

Thanks for inviting me!







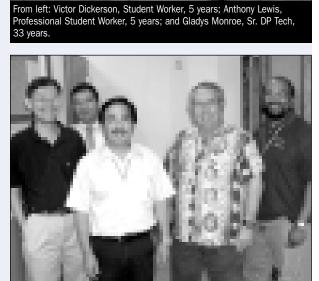
Fire Support Group, from left: Stella Bairamian, Sr. Systems II, 15 years; Patrick Stevens, PA II, 4 years; Grace Lee, PA IV, 4 years; and Hoaag Pham,



Mauricio Ramirez, PA II, 2 years; Jin Jin Hantragoon, PA V, 15 years; Judy Chu, SSA II, 17 years; Amy Lin, AP, 9 months; and Annamae Peji, PA IV, 5 years.



Larry Stiner, CO II, 17 years.



Rito Cisneros, Communication Cable Supervisor, 19 years; Howard Nishina, Communication Electrician Supervisor, 19 years; Dennis Brown, Communication Electrician, 24 years; and Mario Hall, Communication



rom left: Wendell Ayala, Computer Graphic Artist, 2.5 years; Ephraim Manabat, Clerk Typist, 1 year; Laura Roberts,

Technical Support. Back row, from left: Truc Phan, System Programmer, 13 years; Jose Ramirez, Student Worker, 4 years; Edward Jones, System Analyst, 13 years; and Henry Shi, System Programmer II, 19 years. Front row: Brian Lu, System Programmer, 13 years; Kim Chu, SP, 18 years; Jade Cheng, SP, 17 years; Sam Chen, SP, 18 years.



Cynthia Simon, CO II, 18 years.



limmy Tran, CE 4 years; Peter Benjamins, Sr. CE Supervisor, 22 years; Roy Lau, CE Supervisor, 19 years; and David Wong, CE, 8 months.

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n the Network Control Center: Dave Ryan, Communications Electrician Supervisor, 18 years.



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City Hall East **Headquarters: General Manager:** Liza Lowery **Executive Team:** Thera Bradshaw, Assistant General Manager, Office of Policy and Public Services Cliff Eng, Assistant General Manager, Technology Solutions Bureau Dennis Frady, Assistant General Manager, Special Projects James Gaston, Executive Officer, Office of Business Resources Kamton Joe, Assistant General Manager, Police Services Bureau Mary Kay Kotzman, Assistant General Manager, Enterprise Services Bureau 825 (2002-03) **Employees:** Annual Budget: \$107 million (2002-03) Supported City IT users: 27,000



From left: Robert Book, MAII 16 years; Diana Garcia, Principal CO, 18 years; and Scott Wiles, MAII, 15 years.

Dave Lear, Sr. CE, 24 years; Chito Pastor, CE, 8 months; Byron Nyhus, CE, 2 months; Gregory Adams, CE, 2 months; Wade Schmidt, CE, 2 months; and James Retamosa, CE, 2 months.



Habbal, CE, 7 years. In the background, above the Hollywood Sign, is Mt. Lee, ITA's communications facility



From left: Phillip Hoffman, CE, 15 years; Tony Nguyen, CE, 2 years; Dennis Soja, Sr. CE, 18 years; Rhonda Provost, Clerk Typist, 19 years; and Rob Collier, Sr. CE Supervisor, 15 years.



Front: Alonso Yescas Sr. CE 2 months. In back Back: Richard Parton, CE, 1 week.

months; and Rudy Isaad, Sr. CE, 5 years.







Allan Ohigashi, CE Supervisor, 22 years; Peter Song, CE, 19 years; Johnnie Gomez, CE, 3 years; Jose Carlos, CE, 15 years; and Lam Xa, 2 years.



From left, in sweater: Connie Nelson, Sr. DP Tech I, 30 years; Brian Biggs, ISOM II, 18 years; Doris Bruton, Sr. DP Tech II, 36 years; Nee Truong, SP III, 15 years; Dodie Munoz, Sr. DP Tech II, 16 years; and Audrey Walker, Sr. Computer Operator II, 20 years.



From left: Larry Montoya, Sr. Communication Supervisor, 35 years; Mehrdad Larijaniha, Communication Engineer, 19 years; Thomas Lee, Communication Electrician, 23 years; Mike Wosnak, Communication Supervisor, 28 years; Tun Aung, Director of Communication Services, 30 years; Charlotte Bullock, Sr. Clerk Typist, 32 years; and Alonso Yescas Jr., Computer Electrician, 1 year.

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Information Technology Agency: It's All About Customer Service

The Information Technology Agency exists to apply technology solutions to business prob-L lems—in this case, the business of managing the City of Los Angeles—and to improve the delivery of City services to the public. In support of Mayor Hahn's emphasis on improving customer service, ITA is working with many City departments to implement technologies that result in continuous improvements.

In most cases, the accomplishments of ITA are the result of collaborative partnerships with its internal customers—the other City departments.

As the world of information technology continues to evolve, ITA evolves along with it. The agency increasingly delivers services directly to the public. It begins with the agency's Emmy awardwinning government cable channel, LA Cityview 35. It continues with its Website, www.lacity.org and numerous other electronic government initiatives. These delivery channels bring important information and services to the public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Following are some facts in brief.

Protecting the Public:

- ITA implemented a new \$60 million digital voice radio system for the LAPD, supporting 57 operational voice radio channels, and significantly improving infield communications for our police officers throughout the City.
- ITA completed a new microwave communications system connecting the new LAPD Metropolitan Dispatch Center with the new LAPD Valley Dispatch Center.
- ITA, the LAPD and Los Angeles County personnel collaborated to develop the Angeles Regional Crime Information System, which enables the LAPD and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. to coordinate their activities more efficiently and effectively.
- ■ITA and the LAPD collaborated to develop and implement the Detective Case Tracking System to provide automated support for crime analysis, case monitoring, suspect investigation,

- reporting, and many other key investigative activities. This system facilitates the investigative process and saves thousands of hours of detectives' time.
- ITA completed the second phase of a three-phase program to replace obsolete components in the LAFD's voice and data radio infrastructure, thereby increasing the reliability of communications among firefighters.

Accessible Government:

- ITA led construction and implementation of the new 3-1-1 One Call to City Hall call center facility, a customer service improvement that allows residents, businesses and visitors in Los Angeles to dial 311 for information and access to any non-emergency City service.
- ITA developed several partnerships with the private sector to make technology and access to the Internet available to many community centers, schools, and other nonprofit organizations.

- LA Cityview 35 implemented the Second Audio Program feature, providing simultaneous Spanish language translation for City Council meetings.
- ITA partnered with City departments to launch a number of e-Government initiatives, including online business tax renewals, express building permits, city events calendar, and AskPAT
- ITA engaged in various activities to monitor and improve cable television customer service.
- ITA held nine Cable Communications Planning Workshops in various parts of the City to offer forums for neighborhood councils and the general public to provide input to the cable franchise renewal process.
- ITA developed and implemented a summer youth internship pilot program.

Supporting the City Family:

- ITA established the Internet co-location facility, a 24-hour state-of-the-art computer center that provides City departments with space, equipment and information technology management. ITA also upgraded the Enterprise Server network communications infrastructure.
- ITA continued to reduce software maintenance fees, saving more than \$500,000
- ITA and the Office of Finance, joint Executive sponsors, finalized the design of the LATAX project, a new tax and permit system.

- Working with City partners, ITA completed the migration to new printing solutions.
- ITA, with the Controller's office, deployed the first phase of the new City payroll system that will allow City management to better track labor expenditures and make real-time personnel information upgrades.
- ITA enhanced the City's internal telephone directory, CityFone.
- ITA realized savings of \$276,000 from the idle phone line elimination project. In addition, \$458,000 in credits and refunds was generated from claims submitted by the City's telephone services audit firm.
- ITA's help desk provided computer-related support to City personnel on more than 19,000 calls last year.

Current initiatives (some highlights):

- ITA is working closely with the Department Neighborhood of Empowerment to provide maximum outreach and coverage for the newly certified Neighborhood Councils.
- ITA and the Dept. of Building and Safety, is working to implement the Internet Request For Inspection System and Inspection Call Back System.
- LA Cityview 35 is working to expand its capability to provide live coverage from key City locations.
- ITA continues to implement new dispatch centers for the LAPD and LAFD.
- ITA, with the Controller's office, is working to implement a new Citywide Asset Management System.













From left: Sophie Gebrenegus, MAII, 4 years; Nestor Acio, Payroll Supervisor, 19 years; Dan Yoshimura, Personnel Director, 18 years; Sandra Valdez, Accounting Clerk, 23 years; Lisa Claro, Sr. Clerk Typist, 15 years; Maria Gonzalez, DP Tech II, 27 years; and Mildred Conway, Sr. Clerk Typist, 35 years.



Back row, from left: Roger Fernandez, Sr. Systems Analyst, 15 years; Tony Ighani, Station Manger Channel 35, 12 years Terry Halberg, Telecommunication Planner, 8 years; Chris Krehmeyer, Telecommunication Planner, 2 months; Dennis Frady, Assistant General Manager, 30 years; and John Logan, Consultant with Cable Division, 1 month. Front row, from left: Lisa Harris, Executive Secretary, 16 years; Thera Bradshaw, Assistant General Manager Office of Policy and Public Services, 1.5 years; Yvette McFrazier, Executive Secretary, 34.5 years; and Stacy Burnette, Telecommunication

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From left: Rafael Rosales, Student Worker, 10 months; Cliff Eng, Assistant General Manager, 20 years; Stephanie Nunn, Student Worker, 10 months; Jose Venegas, Student Worker, 2 years; and Fazeel Chauhan, System Programmer,



From left: Debbie Cabeza, PA, 13 years; Miriam Weiner, PA, 5 years; Jack Ng, PA, 28 years; Dan Clark, ISM, 15 years; Richard Chames, PAII, 20 years; Robin Cannon, System Aid, 26 years; Martha Ruiz, System Analyst, 17 years; David Yoshihara, PA, 13 years; and David Rhodes, PA, 14 years.



Back row, from left: Peter Lam, PAIV, 19 years; Leonardo Reyes, AP, 1 year; Isabel Rodriguez, PAIII, 2 years; and Gaidzag Shahbazian, PA, 11 years. Front row: Sonya Bhudhkanok, PA, 22 years; Judy Shum, PA, 2 years; Connie Kang, DBA, 18 years; Joy Magallanes, DBA, 21 years; and Jose Alvarez, Sr. System Analyst, 15 years.



From left: Vicky Ngo, Contractor, 2 years; Fran Kobayashi, PA III, 22 years; William Diaz, Student Worker, 3 years; Eddie Vinyaratn, Student Worker, 3 years; and Josef Isidro, MA II, 3 years.



Mario Aldaz, COII, 1 year and Sandra Corbett, COII, 1 year.





Kim Ly, System Programmer, 8 years

Front row, from left: Shan Yen, PAIII, 16 years; Choon Shim, PAIV, 23 years; and Jack Lazerson, PAII, 21 years. Back row: Rob Wilson, ISOMII, 34 years; Joan Hiscocks, Contractor, 4 years; Frank Maldovan, PAV, 29 years; and Clyde Talley,

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From left: Tuan Ngo, System Programmer, 5 years; Chris Nguyen, System Analyst II, 6 years; Abby His, PA IV, 15 years; John Hawkins, PA II, 5 years; Michael Madayag, System Analyst II, 5 years; and Emma Jack, Sr. DP Tech II, 26 years.



From left: Kathy Takahata, SSA, 15 years; Ron Park, PA, 18 years; Joseph Lin, PA, 4 years; Purvesh Patel, Contractor, 1 year; Kevin Freund, Contractor, 2 years; Frances Woods, PA, 23 years; Edwin Lorenzana, PAII, 10 years; Carmen Contreras, PA, 22 years; and Lou Lavarro, AP, 10 months.



Mary Figueroa, COII, 9 months.





From left: Brenda Reed, DP Techll, 26 years; Robert Saenz, PAlll, 4 years; and Mary Pool, Sr. DP Techll, 17 years.



Operator II, 33 years; and Silvestre Dipasupil, Sr. Computer Operator I, 23 years.



Veronica Hester-Allen, COII, 14 years. Karen Estrada, COII, 1 year.



From left: Dave Chan, System Programmer, 5 years; Tam Young, System Programmer, 4 years; Jess Chong, AP, 2 years; Ly Lam, System Analyst, 4 years; and Lonnie Drew, System Programmer 15 years.



Back row, from left: William Imperial, Telecommunication Regulatory Officer, 1 year; Ken Sinclair, MA, 2 months; Adel Etman, CE, 12 years; and Richard Benhow, Telecommunication Regulatory Officer, 1 year. Front row: Marie E. Hernandez, MAII, 25 years.

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From left: Caroline Lorenzo, ISMII, 23 years; Charlene Dennis, System Programmer, 14 years; Luis J. Rodriguez, SA, 5 years; Sylvia Baray, Sr. DP Tech, 33 years; and Diep Le, AP, 3 years.

From left: Eduardo Cartagena, Intern, 2 years; Anita Lee, SA, 14 years; Sohn Nguyen, System Programmer, 14 years; Canh Pham, System Analyst II, 8 years; and Greg Wilcox, PA,



Jim Koga, CE, 17 years.

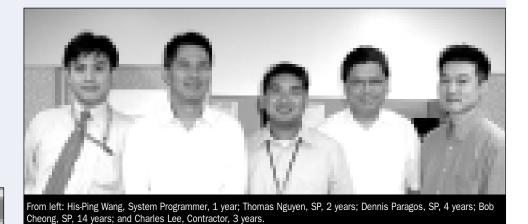




Alba Alvarez, COII, 4 years.



Sandra Rubio, COII, 2 years.



From left: Evelyn Martinez, SA, 29 years; Bob Taylor, System Programmer, 13 years; Bill Lau, System Programmer, 15 years; Shahla Dallalzadeh, System Programmer, 15 years; Bruce Wise, PA, 4 years; and Jeff Orr, System Programmer, 19 years.



Back row, from left: Jackie Johnson, ISM, 25 years; Albert Raad, PAV, 14 years; Howard Picard, PAV, 13 years; and Gregg Noerase, PAIII, 4 years. Front row: Amy Lava, DBA, 14 years; Mike Ma, PAIV, 4 years; and Jesse Diego, PAII, 4

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From left: Roger Fernandez, Sr. System Analyst, 15 years; Betty Ngo, ISM, 20 years; Elida Cruz, Executive Secretary, 23 years; Liza Lowery, ClO, 1 year; James Gaston, Executive Officer, 10 months; and Yvette McFrazier, Executive Secretary, 34 years.



Arlene Herrero, Member Services Counselor

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From left: Donna Dowe, PA III, 21 years; Carlo Abrantes, SP I, 7 years; Sandy To, Intern, 2 years; and Tony Tai, SP I, 10 months.



From left: Leon Leung, PA IV, 5 years; Gloria Osbourne, Sr. Clerk Typist, 19 years; Emily Lo, Fiscal System Specialist, 19 years; and Vick Madenian, Computer Professional Intern, 2 years.



From left: Ben Hua, SP I, 3 years; Reza Zaheri, Intern, 2 years; and Thomas Wang, SP II, 14 years.



From left: Eddie Williams Jr., ISOM, 22 years; Juan F. Norona, Sr. Computer Operator 1, 17 years; LeVertis Hooker, Sr. Computer Operator, 23 years; and Claudia Hawkins, DP Tech, 17 years.



From left: Bob Fukanaga, ISOM, 30 years; You-Hsin Chuang, DBA, 19 years; and Irene Watanabe, PA, 16 years.



From left: Audrey Dunbar, Sr. DP Tech II, 23 years; Bok Mui Kim, DP Tech II, 24 years; Seung Yoo, DP Tech II, 28 years; and Joyce Hernandez, ISOM II, 28 years.



From left: Karina Chow, Student Worker, 1 year; Winnie Leong, PA, 15 years; Gennady Weisburd, System Programmer, 3 years; Arlon Matsunaga, PA, 21 years; and Irene Munoz, ISM, 16 years.



From left: Joseph Robinson, Sr. Communication Electrician, 5 years; Kenton Soohoo, Communication Electrician, 16 years; Ronald Carter, Communication Electrician, 5 years; and J.P. Del Mundo, Communication Electrician, 2 years.



From left: Stephen Siu, System Programmer, 13 years; Dennis Pham, Student Worker, 9 months; Aura Moore, Telecommunications Planner, 13 years; Edgar Samayoa, Student Worker, 6 years; and Jim Lee, Sr. System Analyst II, 17 years.



From left: Mary Iniguez, DP Tech II, 36 years; Jung Kim, DP Tech II, 25 years; Lucrecia Maturan, DP Tech II, 28 years; and Josie Palacios, Sr. DP Tech II, 34 years.

ITA ESB Opens Doors to The Public For First Time in 20 Years; Club Is There

■ The Enterprise Service Bureau (ESB) of the ITA Department held its first Open House since moving to its current home deep under City Hall East 20 years ago.

The Club was honored to have been invited.

"We are happy to do it," said ITA tour host Greg Steinmehl, who coordinated the inaugural Open House. "It might be another 20 years until we do it again, but I hope not. It's been a big success."

More than 140 people got to see firsthand where much of the City's mainframe and server hardware is centralized.

The Enterprise Service Bureau handles a number of large duties for the City, including Web servers, City Council video streaming, 911 and police dispatch, tape backup, firewall and proxy protection, system monitoring, and many other major functions.

The Enterprise Service Bureau serves all City departments, with the exception of the DWP, Airports and Harbor.

Below are photos of the event.



come small groups during the ITA ESB Open



David Lindsay. Systems Programmer. explains to a group the workings of the ECCCS Police Dispatch System.



Brian Biggs, Day Shift Operations Manager, explains the Enterprise Network Operations Center to employees of the Club taking the tour.





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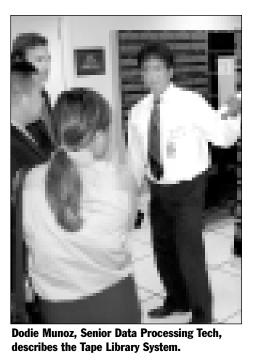
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Brian Lee, Systems Programmer, explains a bit about the department's firewall capabilities. There have been more than 1 million documented hacker attacks on the City's computer system. This computer system blocks those attacks.



Bob Taylor, Systems Programmer, explains the city's Network Monitoring Systems.



Viras Tangnavarad, Systems Programmer, shows off the department's Enterprise Server, an IBM mainframe.

LAX Contributes Artifacts to Nonprofit Flight Path Museum

Los Angeles World Airports and LAX have contributed guidance, historic materials and resources to a nonprofit project years in the making in Westchester.

The Flight Path Learning Center, 6661 Imperial Highway on airport property just west of Sepulveda Boulevard, is a learning center and museum where students and aviation buffs can explore the history of aviation and careers in the aviation industry.

The museum opened to the public Oct. 7 with an exhibition called "A Century of

LAWA cooperated with the nonprofit Flight Path Learning Center to develop the center and its collection.

"The Flight Path Learning Center provides a place for residents and visitors of all ages to see the impact of aviation on the development of Southern California's past, present and future," said Kim Day, Interim Executive Director of LAWA. "Flight Path's main gallery also offers an impressive view of today's LAX and its many important activities during its 75 years, as well as its significant impact on the region's economic growth."

The exhibition showcases the development of LAX since its opening as Mines Field Oct. 1, 1928, as well as the 100th anniversary of the

first powered flight by the Wright Brothers Dec. 17, 1903. Colorful exhibits include salutes to early airlines and aircraft manufacturers at the airport. A special area commemorates World War II military and manufacturing activities at the airport.

The center, staffed by volunteers, is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and

Thursdays. Groups can visit the museum on Wednesdays by appointment only. Free parking is available on site.



The new Flight Path Learning Center in Westchester. The center and museum was created with guidance and materials donated by Los Angeles World Airports.

Flight," featuring many items of historical airport memorabilia courtesy Los Angeles World Airports.



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Let us know! The Club wants to celebrate with you—we want to publish photos of your party in *Alive!*

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Thanksgiving Meal Isn't Meant For Pets; Feast Is Just Too Rich

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and visions of family, friends and food dance in my head. Of course, there's the anticipation of seeing Aunt Zelda after a hundred years, and of traveling at a time when everyone else is traveling, too, and, in the after-thanksgiving tradition, sharing turkey sandwiches, turkey soup, turkey goulash and turkey pie. Okay, no turkey pie. What do I know? I don't cook.

Seriously though. We do need to include Fluffy the dog, Gracie the Cat and Fish the Fish in our Thanksgiving plans. If traveling, make arrangements for them: food, water and appropriate care in a secure envi-

ronment. If it is your turn to throw the party, then keep your pets in a back bedroom, away from guests, for everyone's safety.

L.A. Animal Services' Chief Veterinarian, Dr. Casandria Smith, reminds that "Veterinarians experience increased number of office calls due to digestive problems during the holidays because humans just love to invite their animals to celebrate with high fat meals (ham, gravy, turkey skin), chocolates, bones, etc."

Therefore, resist the temptation to share the bounty of your Thanksgiving feast with pets. Surely, Fluffy would enjoy some turkey. Gracie might like a taste of chocolate. Remember: self control. Do not let your pets partake of your Thanksgiving meal.

Turkey bones are hollow and can easily break and splinter into sharp pieces, causing blockage and perforation of the intestinal tract. Pets that are fed leftover turkey can also suffer from salmonella food poisoning. Symptoms for these include gastrointestinal upset, vomiting, diarrhea, depression, a high temperature, loss of appetite and listlessness.

One more thing: Chocolate can be toxic to pets. It is especially bad for dogs because they like to eat large amounts of unusual food. Chocolate can attack your pet's gas-

trointestinal system, stimulate its nervous system to the point of

seizures, and lead to cardiac failure, weakness, coma and death.

The general rule is, if your pet looks or acts sick, call your veterinarian immediately. When it doubt, call anyway.

Having shared this wonderful information and hoping you will heed this humble advice...L.A. Animal Services wishes

Animal Services wishes you and your pets a safe, joyous and fulfilling Thanksgiving!

Have a question about pet care?

Write to the Pet Club: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Send Questions

Feel free to send questions and concerns to me, and I'll be happy to respond to them in my column. I'm excited about this, so don't hesitate!

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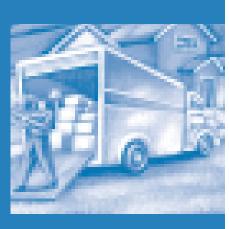
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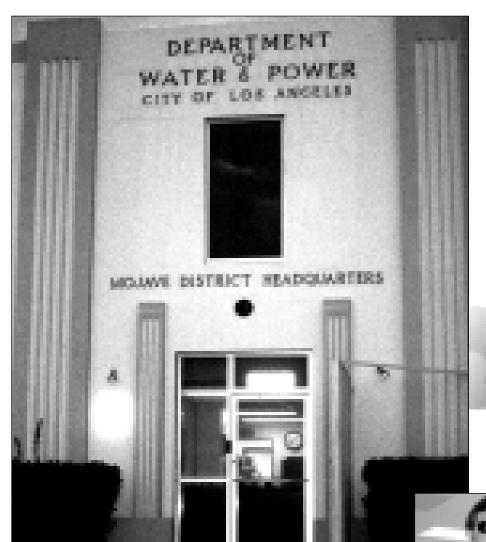


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Club Takes to the Road Again, Visiting Members in the Mojave



The DWP Mojave office.

City employee family extends far beyond the City, so the Club goes to them. Second in a series.

Vour City Employees Club will travel to I great lengths to see all of our City and DWP employees. In June we traveled to Bishop, Lone Pine and Independence.

October 2, Club counselors Arlene Herrero and Angel Gomez made their way up State Highway 14, through Palmdale and

Lancaster, past Edwards Air Force Base before arriving at our destination—DWP Mojave District Headquarters and its monthly safety meetings.

Angel and Arlene drove more than 200 miles that day, a drive that look a little over an hour both ways, armed with only their Yahoo map. They made new friends and got reacquainted with old members.

Arlene and Angel want to thank everyone at the Mojave yard for welcoming them, and they look forward to their next visit soon.





Mike Daughtry, Construction Maintenance Supervisor, 19 years.



Don Keen, Labor Supervisor, 16 years.



Jessi Daughtry, Student Worker, 3 months.



John Miller, Southern District Engineer,



From left: Steve Krell, Aqueduct & Reservoir Keeper, 27 years; and Pat Witherspoon, Warehouse Worker, 29 years.



Bob Chaney, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent, 24



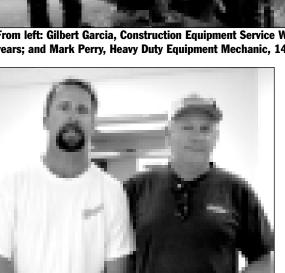
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About the DWP Mojave Yard

First Los Angeles Aqueduct Facts				
YEAR COMPLETED:	1913			
CONSTRUCTION DURATION:	5 years			
AQUEDUCT CAPACITY:	485 cfs			
CONSTRUCTION COST: Less that	n \$23 million			
TOTAL LENGTH OF AQUEDUCT:	223 miles			
UNLINED CHANNEL:	24 miles			
LINED CHANNEL:	37 miles			
CONCRETE CONDUIT:	98 miles			
STEEL AND CONCRETE PIPELINE:	12 miles			
TUNNELS:	52 miles			

Second Los Angeles Aqu	educt Facts
YEAR COMPLETED:	1970
CONSTRUCTION DURATION:	5 years
CONSTRUCTION COST:	\$89 million
TOTAL LENGTH OF AQUEDUCT:	137 miles
CONCRETE CONDUIT:	64 miles
STEEL PIPELINE:	69 miles
OTHER FACILITIES:	4 miles

From left: Gilbert Garcia, Construction Equipment Service Worker, 3 years; and Mark Perry, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 14 years.



From left: Jason Emory, MCH, 5 years, with his uncle John Emory, Water Utility Worker, 20 years.



Henry Juarez, Sr. Storekeeper, 19 years.



"Handy" Andy Wolf, Construction Equipment Service



Erick Rempel, Warehouse Worker, 15 years.

Club Counselor Arlene reports: — "At 6:30am we arrived and were greeted by Jessi Daughtry,

Charlotte Burrell-Jollivette and Mike Daughtry, who then introduced us to Bob Chaney, the C & M superintendent. Angel and I presented to approximately 70 employees a brief history of how the Club was founded and the many benefits available to them.

— "They learned about our new Short Term Disability Insurance, and we informed them of the many discounts available as a City Employees Club member."

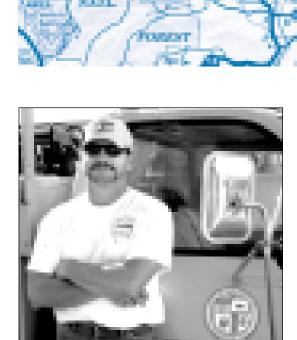
— After the presentation individuals met with Angel and Arlene for a more personal one-on-one review of their benefits. Arlene was then given a tour of the yard, taking pictures of the employees in their work environment, while Angel continued meeting the folks one on one.

> They spent more than four hours at Mojave, and this what they learned, according to Arlene: "The employees at Mojave are an exceptionally skilled and dedicated workforce," according to C&M Superintendent Bob Chaney.

> > "A lot of our work is done uniquely, it's done underground," Jim Waggoner said. John Misustin claimed, "We are the shining star of the Southern end of Owens Valley."



Steven Russell, Water Utility Worker, 15 years.



John McMurtrie, MCH, 3 months.



From left: John Misustin, Sr. Heavy Duty Equipment Supervisor, 23 years; **Equipment Repair Supervisor, 33 years.**







More foam!

Food, Fun, Families: A Big Success

ClubFest

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shade. She was there with the self-described "Fab 3"—herself, Rosie Delgado and Robin Cannon, a System Aide in ITA and Club mem-

"It's great for families, great for everyone," Charlotte continued. "It's wonderful, the way it should be. Everyone is free to do what they want. Look at all those kids," she said, indicating the hundreds of kids frolicking with the foam machine. "It's all so carefree.

"It's so different this year. Nobody wants to go home."

Other members are still raving, too.

"On a scale of one to 10, it was a 10-plus," said Tecumseh Shackelford, a Club member and retired DWP employee.

"You can't beat it," he continued. "We want to come back here [Calamigos Ranch] again next year. Please!!"

This year marked the first time the Club held its annual party at Calamigos Ranch, an expanse of ranch and activities overlooking Malibu. There was plenty of food, including a scheduled lunch of beef, chicken, salad, potato salad, baked beans and corn; and hot dogs, ice cream, popcorn and drinks throughout

the afternoon.

Dozens of activities for the entire family took place, and all were enjoyed all day (no line was more than just a few minutes long, in general). A number of scheduled games—tugof-war, sack races, a foam machine, bingo (for prizes) and others—found hundreds of partic-

For the first time, the Club charged a small admission fee (\$4 for Club members, a great discount off the Calamigos cost of \$32). Club members recognized the bargain.

"Four bucks? You couldn't beat that deal," Tecumseh continued. "You could eat all day Chubtest 2003

long. My whole family was happy.

"I brought eight family members this year. I'm bringing more next year," he promised.

Inside this issue of Alive! are hundreds of photos from ClubFest.



Trent Anderson, looking very much the part of



From left: Victoria Lim, Monica Lim, Pamela Lim and Shaun Sebastian.



Steve of Calamigos, coordinating the activities.

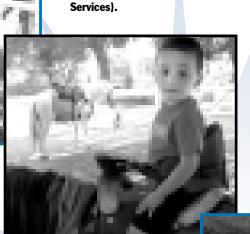


Typist; Rosie Delgado, Sr. Clerk Typist; and Robin Cannon, System Aide.

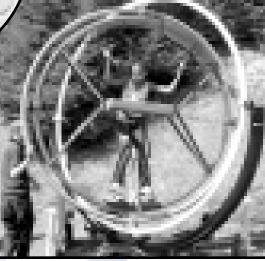


Patty and Sergey Rebbe.

Ana and Alex Lopez, General Services (Fleet

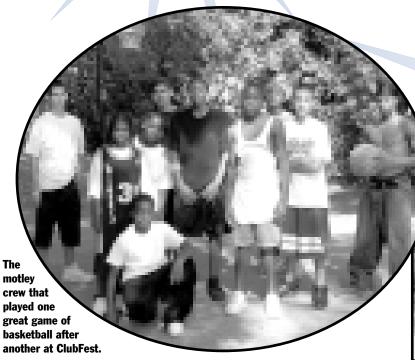


Ride 'em pony: Luke Fowble atop his steed.



Kids and mom on the merry-go-round.

In the spinning wheel: Didi Anum, daughter of Ogechi Anum, Library Dept.



They came in a limo: Antoinette Gipson, Rhayan Gipson, Rhiah Gipson, Raymond Gipson Jr., Margaret Fields and limo driver Larry Phillips arrive in style at ClubFest.

Kenny Estrada, DWP.





Mike Smith, J.R. Simmons, Chase Smith, Daisy Craig, Alicia Scott, Jon Cole, C.J. Simmons and Danny Brown.



From left: Shala Green and Karen McCarver, DWP.



Getting ready for the games.

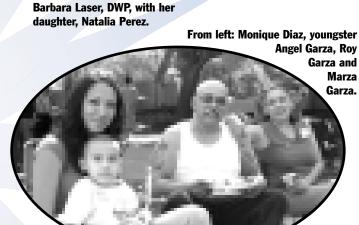
Angel Garza, Roy Garza and Marza Garza.



The hayride.



Kristen Fowble with a Calamigos pony



Club staff and their families enjoying Club Fest 2003



The family of John Hawkins, Club Chief Operating Officer.



Club staffer Lupe Medina and granddaughter.



From left: Club Counselor Angel Gomez with Angel Gomez Jr. and Aiden Gomez.



Club staff, from left: Bob Dow, Linda Trent, Brian Trent



Club Chief Operating Officer John Hawkins (left) and Club Ticket Guy Navin Cotton keep the raffle crowd in suspense.





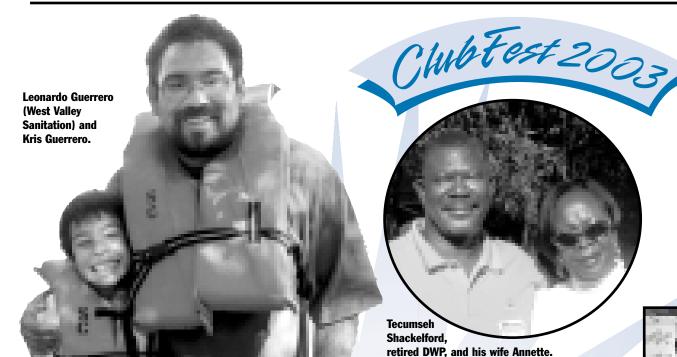
Club staffer Mike Louie and his girlfriend



Club staff, from left: Alan Bound, Summy Lam and Michael Anderson.



Club staff, from left: Howard Pompel, Rose Hyland and Leigh





The Smiths and Dobsons, generally from left: Terry Smith, Ronnel Smith, Veronica Dobson, LaWanna Dobson, Pam Smith, Berta Sulcer, Ronnisha Gunn, Edward Dobson and J.R. Dobson.



From left: Maribel Paz, Daniel Paz, Gio De Guzman, Isabel De Guzman, Carmela Espiritu and Jerry Reyes.



The Lerit and Deleon families: Liberato Lerit, Carmelita Lerit, Gina Lerit, Ramil Deleon, Alan Deleon, Dennis Deleon, youngster Kyle Deleon, Melissa Deleon, Connie Deleon, Gian Deleon, Lou Deleon, Sabrina Deleon, Cassandra **Deleon and Jillian Deleon.**

From left: Randy Morimoto, DWP, and **Bruce Collins,** DWP.

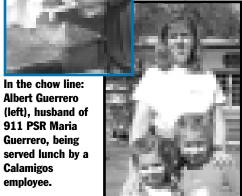
Club Board Member Rodney Punt, in the chow line.



Audrea Villareal



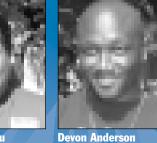
John Lee (his wife works for ITA).



Kathie Leonard (wife of David Leonard, DWP) with her daughters Amy (left) and Kristina.

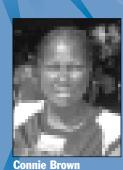








Vanessa Williams



Maddie Ramirez





From left: Ernesto Mejia, Lilian Mejia, Leo Mejia, Tere Sanchez and William Mejia, Transportation.



Santos Garza, son of Maria Garza, Library Dept.

Ruth Tovias







Debbie Muraoka











Carla Bordenaue

Ontario Airport Features Women Aviators Exhibit

The City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department presents a photography exhibition, *High Flying: Women Aviators of Southern California*, in collaboration with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA). The exhibit is on display for ticketed passengers through next July 31, in Terminal 4 at Ontario International Airport (ONT). The exhibition features photographs describing the rich, vibrant and inspiring history of women pilots in Southern California. Kristina Newhouse, curator for the City of Torrance's Joslyn Fine Arts Gallery, served as guest curator for the exhibition.

The exhibit chronicles the role of women aviators, from their start as aircraft demonstrators persuading people that air flight was safe, to stunt pilots during the Golden Era of Hollywood, to supporting America's war effort during World War II, when they served in the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron

(WAFS) and in the Women Air Force Service Pilots program (WASPs) to transport aircraft

built in Southern California to destinations around the country. The exhibit also features photographs of various women's air races that have occurred throughout the Southland, including the Women's Air Derby, the first women's transcontinental race from Santa Monica to Cleveland.

Photographs are on loan from the City of Los Angeles Public Library; Iris Cummings Critchell; the Doheny Memorial Library at the University of Southern California; Lorraine O'Donnell Doyle; the James Carruthers Memorial Aviation Collection at the Honnold/Mudd Library at Claremont University; Dorothy Leschenko;

Barbara Erickson London; Betty Loufek; Pancho Barnes Enterprises, Inc.; Bobbi Trout; and Peggy Zopf.

The Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners approved a memorandum of understanding with the City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department to administer

and provide curatorial services for the Art Exhibits Program Ontario International Airports. The purpose of the Arts Exhibits Program is to educate and entertain the traveling public while emphasizing a cultural experience that highlights what makes Los Angeles unique and interesting. The exhibits may be artistic, historical, popular, or graphic design in nature, and may arise from museums, industry, design, fine art, theater, archives, sports, environment, transportation or other fields. Exhibitions are currently on display in Terminal 1 and the Tom Bradley International Terminal at LAX, and in Terminals 2 and 4 at Ontario.



Newsbrief

ADELPHIA CABLE REFUND

Mayor Jim Hahn, City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo and Councilman Jack Weiss announced last month that Los Angeles subscribers of Adelphia Cable will receive a refund and their first credit on the roll back of recent rate increases in the current billing cycle, which began Sept. 21.

Adelphia

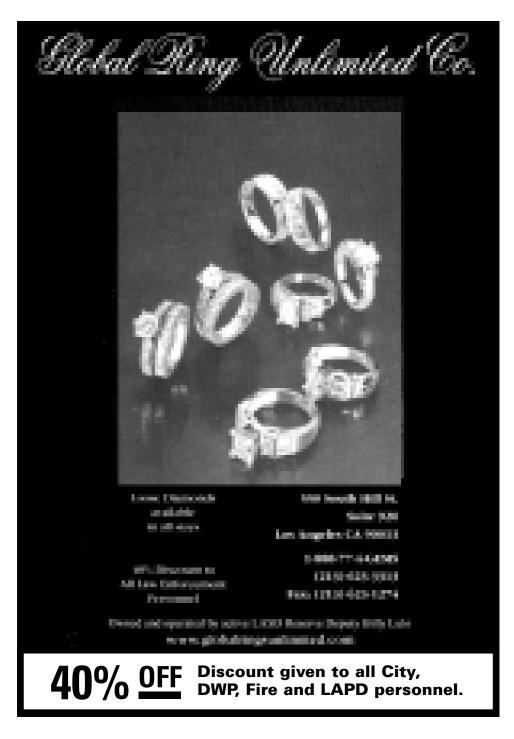
"When we first asked for the rebates and rollbacks people doubted whether we would be able to deliver, but now we can say the proverbial checks are in the mail," said City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo. "

The refund to consumers will total \$6.1 million for more than 222,500 Adelphia subscribers. Each subscriber refund will be between \$25 and \$32, which will be in the form of a credit. In addition, each subscriber will receive a roll back credit on their monthly cable bill between \$1.56 and \$2.26, until Adelphia files for new rates.

"It's a good sign that Adelphia is delivering the rollbacks and rebates that subscribers deserve," said Councilmember Jack Weiss, who represents many Adelphia customers and is chair of the Information Technology and General Service Committee. "I hope they will also provide the service upgrades that my constituents have been asking for."

Previously, the Information Technology Agency (ITA) led a study to determine if Adelphia Communications Corp. owed the city money for underpayments. Following a city audit in July 2002, City Attorney Delgadillo called for Adelphia Communications Corp. to repay the City of Los Angeles \$3.8 million in underpayments, converter rentals, advertising revenue, Adlink revenue, and launch fees from October 1995 to September 1999.





Firefighters Remember Their Own At LAFD Memorial Service Oct. 9



At the firefighter memorial service.

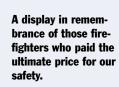
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m and}$ retired, accompanied by family, friends and service organizations, attended the 59th annual Firefighters Memorial Service Oct. 9 at the LAFD Museum and Memorial, 1355 N. Cahuenga Blvd. (old Fire Station 27).

Messages of remembrance were scheduled to be delivered by Mayor Jim Hahn, Fire Commission President Corina Alarcon, Fire Chief William

Bamattre and Firefighters Nicholas Reiner and Capt. Jim Finn. The laying on of wreaths and somber music, including

> playing of the Taps by Battalion Chief Dan McCarty, provided emotional moments.

Here are some photos of the event.









Public Safety Units Get A Big Thank-You From Downtown Organization

The Downtown Center Business Improvement District (DCBID) A hosted the fourth annual Public Safety Thank You barbecue to express appreciation and honor the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Fire Department, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol and Los Angeles Department of Transportation.

Partiers enjoyed Dodger dogs, hamburgers, chips and soda graciously donated by the LA Dodgers and Staples Center. The food was prepared by the chefs from the Millennium Biltmore. A \$2 admission fee benefited the Los Angeles Police Department Memorial Foundation.

Personnel from the LAPD, LAFD, CHP, LA Sheriff's Dept. and LADOT dined free.

Other supporters of the event included Stanley & Rosalind Schireson, MJW Investments, Brant & Pettitt, the Wilshire Grand Hotel, Toyota Central, Los Angeles United Investment Co., Killefer Flammang Architects, The Yellin Company and The Bradbury Building, Citinational-

Buckeye Building Co., Weston, Benshoff, Rochefort, Rubalcava, & MAC Cuish LLP, Dearden's, Parking Concepts Inc., PHF Bunker Hill - Angelus, Metrolink, Trizc, Fashion District, Security Services USA, Inc., and the Downtown Los Angeles Property Owners Association.

Below are photos of the event:



From left: Sergeant Mazariego, DOT; Officer Rios, DOT "New Club Member;" Officer Rodriguez, DOT; and Officer



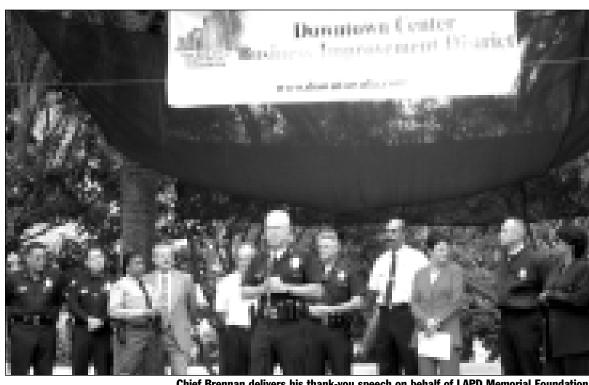
From left: Marilyn Mack, LAPD, and Sergeant Gong, LAPD, both out of LAPD Central Station.



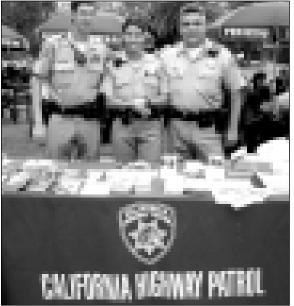
Back row: Officer Hill and Training Officer Yee. Front row: Officer Jenkins, Sergeant R.C. Smith and Officer Woo.



From left: Sergeant Becerra, GSD; Officer Rodriguez, GSD; Officer Abarca, GSD; and Field Training Officer Nelson, GSD.



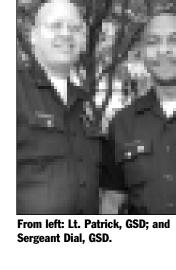
Chief Brennan delivers his thank-you speech on behalf of LAPD Memorial Foundation.



From left: CHP Officer J.W. Esham, CHP Officer Jennifer Moore and CHP Public Affairs Officer Alex Delgadillo.



From left: Randall Ely, Sr. VP & COO DCBID; Chief Brennan, LAPD Central; Captain Jim Rupert, LAPD Central; Councilwoman Jan Perry; David Damus, Chairperson, System Property Development Co. (DCBID Board of Directors); Carol Schatz, President & CEO of DCBID; and Commander Louis Gray, LAPD Central, with a \$5000 check for the LAPD Memorial Foundation.





From left: Officer Jon Kong and Officer Steve Saletros.



Carol E. Schatz, President and CEO of DCBID, thanks everyone for their support of the barbecue and also presents a \$5000 check for the LAPD Memorial Foundation. Chief Brennan accepts the check on behalf of LAPD Memorial Foundation.



From left: Chief Hill, LAFD; Lt. Vernon, LAPD; and Lt. Andy Monsue, LAPD.



From left: Chief Mario Rueda, Captain Charles Butler, Chief Greg Gibson, and Firefighter Burgess, Fire station 17.



From left: Robert Taylor; Captain Blake Chow, LAPD Central Area; Faddoul Baida; and Captain Jim Rupert, LAPD Central Area.

Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.)

We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and digital photos to: moments@cityemployeesclub.com

Send paper notices and print photos to: Alive! 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071



Promotions

Kenny D. Estrada

(LA General Services), to DWP Water System

Than T. Aung (ITA), promoted to Communications Engineering Associates 1.

Edward Wilson (ITA),promoted to Systems Programmer II.

Thomas Brandt (ITA), promoted to Senior

Communications Electrician.

Promotions:

Send us your department, your former job title, your new job, and a sentence saying your supervisor is aware that you're sending this. Send your photo, too, plus your phone number. Send to moments@cityemployeesclub.com.



Weddings

Weddings: Recently married? Congratulations! Share the news with your City employee family. Tell us the names of the bride and groom, the date and place of the wedding, and the City or DWP job title of the bride and/or groom. (Include a photo, too, and we'll try to print it.) Send it in! Send to moments@cityemployeesclub.com.

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Births

Kyle Conrad DeLeon, born to **Dennis DeLeon** (Detention Officer) and Melissa DeLeon, Aug. 19. Kyle even attended his first ClubFest, pictured here. Congratulations to all!



Katherine Zelas Osborne, born to Dale (Administrative Services Director, Aging) and Stephanie Osborne July 2 at Lakewood Regional Hospital. Katherine joins her brother Daniel Hunter Osborne, 3.

Births: Send us the following information: full name of the newborn, date of birth, name of parents, job title of the parent(s) who work(s) for the City or the DWP, your phone number and a baby photo. Send to moments@cityemployeesclub.com



In Memoriam

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away:

Helen Ajello Jean Hillvard Robert Beach Mario Howell Frank Berkovich Wayne Idemoto Ruth Bozick Sammie Jackson Anna Brasacchio James Jacob Michael Paul Cardona Hazel Jappe Anthony Cohen Audrey Kent William Coleman Audrey King Velma Dalto Michael Kusztyk Charles Drescher Franciszek Kwiatkowski Thomas Long Artis Dver Louis Feder Thomas Lynch Pauline Flint Bonnie Mannix Harold Masden Frank Fornason Napoleon Gillespie Haikas Matzaganian Virgil Gray Robert McClanahan Jason Haines Thomas Montoya Ervin Harnage Violet Moyer

Giovanni Nickens Louis Polidore Iimmy Rellis Roland Robinson Hymen Rosen Florence Sanborn Virginia Sewald Dewey Spann Laura Sulit Philip Trifiro Dorothy Trujillo Jose Viveros Betty Wethers Douglas Wilhite Willis Williams Robert Willis

VEADS OF SERVICE

In Memoriam: We receive this information directly from the City and the DWP. But send us the name of the deceased, and we'll print the notice. Send in a photo of the deceased, too, if you have one, and include your phone number. Send to moments@cityemployeesclub.com.

Retirements

NAME	DEPARTMENT YEARS OF SE	RVICE
Sheila Abramsohn	Exec. Assistant (Trans.)	30
Rolando Ambriz	Refuse Collection Truck Operator (Public Works)	30
Peter Arandia	Tree Surgeon Supervisor (Public Works)	33
Priscilla Bolhayon	Accountant (Controller)	15
Naze Brue	Parking Meter Technician (Trans.)	14
Horace Burris	Security Officer (Gen. Services)	36
Bob Canfield	Assistant GM (Emergency Preparedness)	17
Patricia Chin	Accountant (Info Tech)	18
Randall Disko	Civil Engineer (Public Works)	35
John Duggan	Chief Financial Officer (Rec. & Parks)	33
Lucas Gasca	Equip. Superintendent (Gen. Services)	46
William Hayes	Container Crane Mechanic (Harbor)	16
Cleveland Haynes	Special Investigator (Controller)	18
Glenn Hirano	Sr. Civil Engineer (Public Works)	38
William Houie	Tire Repairer (Gen. Services)	23
Romeo Intia	Auditor (Rec. & Parks)	22
Robert Kellerhouse	Inspector (Building & Safety)	30
Garrett Kuehn	Assistant City Attorney (City Attorney)	30
Romerol Malveaux	Sr. Management Analyst (Neighborhood Empowerm	nent)30
David Marquez	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech. (Gen. Services)	15

Alive! and your City Employees Club wishes to thank each and every one of the following, who have spent many years making Los Angeles the great city it is. Congratulations, and enjoy your well-deserved rewards!

NAME	DEPARTMENT YEA	ARS OF SERVICE
Beatriz Matute Becker	Info. Services Specialist (Info. Tech)	20
Dao Nguyen	Water Biologist (Public Works)	16
Harold Noflin	Custodian (Airports)	21
Hal Oates	Custodian Supervisor (Gen. Services)	20
David Pena	Motor Sweeper Operator (Public Works)	33
Katalin Petroczy	Clerk Typist (Library)	9
Benjamin Scroggins	Sr. Traffic Supervisor (Trans.)	35
Donald Sibley	Custodian (Gen. Services)	31
Gordon Snorton	Financial Officer (CDD)	12
Betty Swader	Sr. Clerk Typist (City Clerk)	31
Paul Taylor	Equipment Operator (Airports)	25
Betty Tsugawa	Wharfinger (Harbor)	35
Lathian Tyler	Rec. Director (Rec. & Parks)	30
John Tyson	Maintenance Laborer (Public Works)	30
Adelaida Villanueva	Accountant (Controller)	19
Ellis Weary	Street Maintenance Worker (Airports)	23
Thomas Whelan	Dep. Superintendent of Building (Bldg. &	Safety) 30
Ernestine Whitfield	PR Clerk (LAPD)	30
William Wisner	Sr. Custodian (Gen. Services)	22

Manuel Palomeque

Eric Parco

Yvonne Parker

Yvonne Parker

Ruth Parkhurst

Mahdi Parnell

Cristina Patino



The Club gives a great big welcome to these new members, who joined the Club in September:

Varoosh Abedi Gricelda Aceves Christhann Adtkins Paul Aguilar Fernando Alday Valerie Aleman Antonio Aleman Naomi Alexander Thomas Allen Tina Alo Samuel Alvarado Ruth Alvarez Alma Alvarez Maria Andrade Theodore Aquaro Robert Armijo John Arredondo Carmen Arreguin Rosemary Arroyo Susan Artian Alberto Asceneio Riza Bailey Elvira Bailon Najala Baker Margarita Balchowsky Shevan Banks Dorla Baptist Gustavo Barba Sandra Barraza David Basco Daniel David Basilgo Wanda Bell Linda Bell Richard Bengtson Lorena Bernal Jose Berrocal Debora Bivens Maurice Blackshire Beatris Bonada Brenan Booth Dane Broesel Stephanie Brown-Smith Teresa Bui Robert Burford Donald Burnett Kristie Butanda Erika Cabrera Paul Cajiao

Pedro Campana

Maria Carrasco

Cecilia Carvalo

Stevan Casares

Saul Castanon

Yvonne Castillo

Tovonni Cheatham

Cheryl Chase

Alex Chua

Brian Chuc

Dustin Clark

Carlos Castaneda

LLoyd Cano

Valerie Covington Ray Crawford Clinton Cromwell Charity Cyphers Tracy Dailey Rebekah Dalby Carol Davis Brenda Davis Ricardo De La Cruz Lorena De La Torre Rickey Deaver Mark Delossantos Paul Anthony Dia Michael Dickens Podinilame Dissanayake Josh Dolinski Candance Duke Audrey Earkman Shenita Easter Jim Egnatoff Virginia Ehrlich Kelly Ellsworth Veronica Escobar Cheryl Evans Lourdes Fabela Rommel Fabella Kimberley Fairfax Alma Flores Chrysinthea Flores Kimberlee Gallardo Isabel Gallegos Fred Gallegos Frank Garcia Martha Garcia Mel Garcia Kenneth Gardner Tanya Garley Rosie Garza Robert Gieser LaSann Gilyard Lisa Glover Lucille Godinez Lilian Gomez David Gonzales Mary Gonzales Eduardo Gonzalez Martha Gracia Marlene Grundy Lisa Hadsell Michele Hagerty John Hall Curtis Handford

Gary Hardy Sr.

Janelle Harmon

Stephen Harris

Ronald Henderson

Jason Cleanthes

Sharon Coggin

Arnette Coleman

Rocio Colemenares

Richard Contreras

Marin Hernandez Iose Hernandez Valentin Hernandez Thoi Hoang Mark Holmes Mary Hones Navella Hutchings LaTanya Hypolite Francisco Ibarra Lenya Jackson-Roberts Mary Jaco Melissa Jimenez Martha Jones Ariana Jordan-White Ed Jurado

Nikki Kelley

Tom Kenney

Kayley King

Andrew Kramer

Joni Lacentra

Stella Lara

Edwin Lee

Gregory Lee

Vivian Levario

Lynda Levitan

Mary Long

Gngracia Limon

Alfred Lopez Ir.

Ernestine Love

Richard Lowry

Hector Lucero

Stan Ludwig

Wendell Luke

Tony Luong

Anna Madrid

David Manzo

David Manzo

Joyce Martin

Joseph Kennedy

Sandra Martin Johnnetta Martin Sylvia Martin Irene Martinez Maria Martinez Teresa Massey Linda Mayfield Wilhelmina Mayo Robert McDermott Johnie McDowell IV Joan McNamara Yesenia Medina Stephen Meiche Claudia Mejia Vivian Mendoza

Welcome Members!

Arthur Kevorkian Manasporn Khantisiri Michelle Kinnamon Herman Lancaster Alfredo Ledesma Fernando Madrigal

LaCresha Menifee Lilia Meza Johnnie Mikell Camisha Mitchell Frank Miyamura Jr. Varsenik Mkrtchian Garry Moore Paula Moore Kim Moore-Serna James Morales Richard Morley Drea Moss Ray Moya Rick Mucha Monica Muniz Tony Munoz Ramiro Munoz Jr. Wendy Murguia Marsha Myers Spencer Myles Christina Najar Diane Nassien Maria Negrete Kershih Ning Brian Noble Milton Norwood Michael OConnell Gloria Ortega Jillian Padilla Tracy Page

Ulric Pattillo Maria Pena Guadalupe Pena Rebecca Pereida Araceli Perez Kim Perkins Janene Perry Lynette Pitts Michael Poon Filza Popat Elizabeth Quesada Maria Quintero David Ramirez Jaime Ramirez Lissette Ramos Deborah Ramsey Mike Rangel Abe Rangel Rick Remling Victor Reynoso Susana Reynoso Martha Rios Lisa Rios Jorge Rios David Roberts Penny Robertson Susana Robinson Gregory Rodgers Kathy Roditis Xavier Rodriguez Irary Rodriguez Raquel Rojas David Romero **Jendrix Rosales** Sandra Rosas Ernest Rubio Anthony Ruelas Gerardo Ruiz Judith Ruiz Daryl Russell Arturo Salazar Rogelio Salvador Oscar Sanchez Sophia Sanchez Margarita Sanders Polchai Sardavisarak Evelyn Saw Carol Scott Ajoy Shah Eric Shatee Kathy Sheets Rodger Shimatsu

Frank Simmons

John Simmons

Sonja Simon Emilio Soto Fawnda Sparks Janice Stabler Paulette Stanton Karren Starks Ava Steven Michael Stiles Linda Stone Mary Agnes Sy Louisa Tan Cathy Tanaka Marilyn Tarver Kim Taylor **Donald Taylor** Barbara Telles Myrta Tesso Daniel Thomas Sophia Thomas Charyl Thompson Denise Tisdell Rick Tonthat Brent Toppen Silvia Torres Manuel Torres Gaby Trujillo Clifford Tulka Zaw Tun Martha Ulloa Adam Van Gerpen Lauro Vargas Sylvia Vielma Daniel Villaneda Michael Villareal Svetlana Vinnitraye Chatchai Vipapan Keyshala Waggoner Kevin Walton Julie Warren Michelle Warschaw Asta Webster Lisa Wesolowski Kenneth Weston Kenneth Weston Rochelle White Edgar Whyte Sara Wieck Marilyn Williams Erika Williams Shauntae Williams DeUndra Williams Sr. Michelle Willis Josef Wohland Josef Wohland Patricia Wood Pamela Woodard Tonya Wyatt-Mulligan Kenneth Yasaki Linda Zepeda Stephanie Ziliotto Damon Zilly



Retiree Hotlines

(310) 762-1942 (323) 728-4930

(562) 928-2051 (310) 394-1971

Who to call? Following is a list of contacts for the City and for the DWP:

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

City Retirement Counselors:

 Edward Harding 	(805) 584-9417	
• Phil Skarin	(818) 784-0130	Helen Salgad
Robert Wilkinson	(818) 886-1000	(membership
• Jerry Bardwell	(818) 782-5568	Americo Gara
• Harold Danowitz	(310) 472-0224	• Neil Ricci

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

For Retirees By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

Inquiry Requested Into Why Retirement Checks Were Late



Ed Harding, RLACEI President

 $E^{\text{d Harding,}}_{\text{RLACEI}}$ President, invites all retirees to our Annual Holiday Party and Installation of Officers at the Grace E. Simons Lodge at noon Thursday, Dec. 11. Councilman Tom

LaBonge will install the officers who were elected at our Annual Meeting Oct. 17. There will be a light lunch, entertainment and many valuable door prizes. Phone one of the officers at least a week ahead to

Do not phone the lodge! You are welcome to bring a guest.

Legislative Update:

■ Ken Spiker, our legislative chairman and elected retiree member of the LACERS Board of Directors, reports he is very upset over the contract bank not getting last month's retirement checks out on time. Ken said many retirees need the check to be deposited on the specified date to be sure their rent and other important checks they write do not bounce. He has asked staff to make a thorough investigation of why the checks were late. Since this is the second time in three years this has happened, Ken plans to ask the Board of Directors to change

banks if the bank now under contract does not guarantee this will not happen

■ Ken also reports he has petitioned the Executive Employee Relations Committee to discuss additional benefits for our retirees. Ken would like the opportunity to inform the committee of the need to improve current benefits, especially for those members who are not receiving social security and rely solely on a small City pension.

Committee members are:

- James Hahn, Mayor of Los Angeles
 - Alex Padilla, President of the City Council
- Cindy Miscikowski, President Pro-
- Dennis Zine, Chair, Personnel Committee
- Bernard Parks, Chair, Budget and Finance Committee

All in the Family: Many City employees tell their relatives about what a great job it is to work for the City. A good example is Gary Whittington (who was a Street Maintenance Superintendent under Ed Harding) who proudly lists his relatives as follows:

Dad:

Harry Whittington – Street Maintenance Personnel Dept., Died 1959 before retirement

Richard (Dick) Whittington -**Brother:** Public Works Superintendent,

Retired 1980

Gary Whittington – Street Maintenance Superintendent,

Retired 1989 **Sister in law:** Flo Whittington – Board of Public Works, Left when Dick

Whittington retired Cousin: Robert Blythe - Sanitation

Dan Blythe - Street Use Cousin:

Inspector, Retired 1980 (Deceased)

Superintendent, Retired 1983

Uncle: Hi Christensen – Equipment Operator, Died 1949 before retirement

Rex Christensen - Director,

Work Furlough (County), Retired 1980

Daughter: Suzanna Bower – Lieutenant,

Cousin:

Son in law: Jim Bower – Captain, LAPD

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: The best gift you can give is one that is tied with your heartstrings, one that includes part of yourself.

Membership NEWS

■ **Bob Cutler** proudly announces the birth of his first grandchild, Sadie, born Sept. 10 to his son David, and Cindy.

■ Grady Mullen attended the International Society of Poets convention in August in Washington, D.C., and was awarded a Silver Trophy for his poem, "The Wheel of Time." Congratulations!

■ Ivan and Elke Forbes recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Their secret is to "keep loving each other; kiss and make up."

I want to hear from all retirees about what they're doing. Send it to Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or phone (818) 784-0130, or fax (818) 906-3722.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 11 - RLACEI annual Christmas Party and installation of officers at Grace E. Simons Lodge, **Elysian Park**

June 15, 2004 – Annual Retirees Golf Classic at Alhambra golf course

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Retiree Annu

Retirees Nominate Officers at Annual RLACEI Corp. Meeting

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc., (RLACEI) held its annual corporation meeting and nomination of officers Oct. 27 at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. Approximately 50 people were in attendance.

Below are photos of the event.

Nominated for officer positions were:

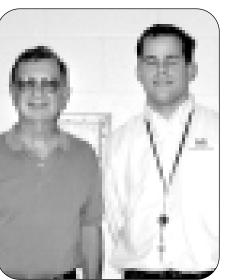
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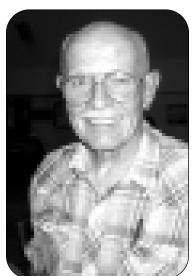
From left: Ed Harding, RLACEI president, and Alice Walder.



From left, going around the table: Tony Alvarez, Agnes Salles, Marvin Levine, Jerry Baldwell (RLACEI treasurer, Jinny Peebles (retired from Library Dept.), John Peebles (retired from Rec and Parks), Americo Garza (RLACEI director), and Ella Garza.



From left: Neil Ricci, RLACEI director and LAFCU director, and David Marlow, LAFCU



Paul Salles



From left: Sandra Dyson; Ed Harding, RLACEI president; and Robert Aguallo Jr., LACERS general manager.



Janice and Guy Van Steen. Janice retired from the City Clerk's office.



On the left of the table: Frank Pincherli (retired from Public Works). On the right of the table, from back to front: Fred Alcantar (retired LAWA), Ben Juarez (retired from Public Works) and Ted Lerchenmuller (retired from Public Works).

Counselor Arlene Herrero Works To Meet Changing Needs Of Seniors, Retireds



Arlene Herroro, Club Counselor

lub Counselor Arlene Herrero completed a comprehensive course on priority senior issues. The course, conducted by the Society of Certified Senior Advisers, a national organization that has trained more than 14,000 professionals in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Successful participants complete a thorough examination to earn the Certified Senior Adviser (CSA) designation. Arlene took the initiative to become a professional leader in meeting the key needs and issues concerning senior citizens.

As a Certified Senior Adviser, Arlene will participate

annually in continuing education provided by the Society. The CSA membership will ensure that she remains an informed profes-

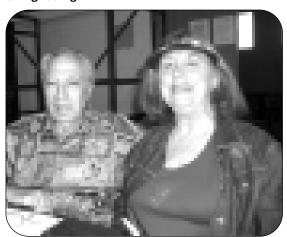
sional for senior citizens. Congratulations, Arlene!

If you have questions regarding issues for seniors, don't hesitate to call her, (800) 464-0452, or aherrero@cityemployeesclub.com





James and Dora Smith. James retired from the Bureau of Engineering.



Leo and Norma Rosen. Leo retired from Bureau of Engineering.



Dave Wilkins, RLACEI director, reading the nominations.



Kathleen Rush, retired from Library

Cooking with the Club by our own Robert Larios

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Club Chef Offers Tips, Recipes to Ensure Thanksgiving Isn't a 'Turkey'

Thanksgiving is one of the American holiday classics, seemingly untouched by time. While we may not go "over the river and through the woods to Grandma's house" anymore, Thanksgiving is still the occasion to gather with family and friends to give thanks for our freedoms and the bounty of American life. We have been reminded that the ideals of democracy and freedom celebrated at the first Thanksgiving feast are the basis of a strong and enduring foundation for our great country.

Since that first American Thanksgiving, pilgrims gathered for a feast celebrated with turkey, and it has been a centerpiece of the Thanksgiving celebrations ever since. "When you serve turkey at Thanksgiving, you are sustaining an American tradition passed on through the ages", says Vanessa Johnson from the Bureau of Sanitation. Vanessa sent us a wonderful recipe called Vanessa's Thanksgiving Dressing. Additional dishes have arisen to complement the turkey including the ones offered in this article; Thanksgiving Potatoes, Fancy Mashed Potatoes, Gary's Cole Slaw, and finally the Waldorf Salad.

If you are an experienced professional at preparing the classic Thanksgiving feast, you know it is surprisingly easy for the wonderful results. The meal preparation requires advance planning and organization. To an inexperienced cook, the thought of being in charge of the entire Thanksgiving meal can be intimidating. Younger home chefs may not have had the opportunity to perfect their cooking skills. Have no fear; I offer several turkey preparation tips to help make this Thanksgiving feast a healthful one.

How much turkey should be purchased?

Allow one pound of uncooked turkey per person from an 8 to 12 pound turkey. Larger birds have a larger proportion of meat to bones, so one-half pound per person should be sufficient with leftovers for the beloved turkey sandwich or soup.

By purchasing a larger turkey than needed for the holiday feast, you can transform holiday extras into timesaving meals. Freeze the extra cooked turkey and you'll have your own ready-to-prepare healthy food for quick and easy post-holiday meals.

How should the turkey be thawed?

Frozen turkey, like all protein foods, should be thawed in the refrigerator, never at room

temperature. When foods are thawed at room temperature, surface bacteria can rapidly multiply to dangerous levels at temperatures of 40 degrees F and above.

For safety and superior quality, leave turkey in the original packaging and place in a shallow pan. Thaw in the refrigerator, using the simple formula: whole turkeys thaw at a rate of 4 to 5 pounds per 24 hours. Example: A 15-pound frozen bird will take 3 to 4 full days to thaw in the refrigerator.

To speed thawing, keep turkey in the original tightly sealed bag and place in a clean and sanitized sink or foodservice safe pan. Submerge in cold water and change the cold water every 30 minutes. The turkey will take about 30 minutes per pound to thaw.

Refrigerate (at 40 degrees F or below) or cook the turkey when it is thawed. Do not refreeze uncooked, defrosted turkey.

What are the key pointers for stuffing a turkey?

Stuffing should be prepared and stuffed into the turkey immediately before it is placed in the oven for roasting. If preparing the stuffing ahead-of-time, wet and dry ingredients should be refrigerated separately and combined right before stuffing the turkey.

Stuff the turkey loosely, about 3/4 cup of stuffing per pound of turkey.

Test the internal temperature of the stuffing as well as the turkey. The internal temperature in the center of the stuffing should register 160 to 165 degrees F.

When is the turkey done?

Since turkey is low in fat and high in protein, the meat is sensitive to extreme heat and prolonged cooking. Loosely place an aluminum foil tent over the turkey breast during the first hour to hour and a half of roasting, and then remove to allow the turkey to brown.

A turkey should be cooked just until it is done. The best way to determine the level of doneness is with a food thermometer. Use these tests to determine doneness and to keep the turkey juicy.

For whole turkey, place the food thermometer in the deepest part of the thigh, but not touching the bone. The internal temperature of the turkey should measure 180 degrees F in the thigh and 170 degrees F in the breast.

Juices should run clear and the drumsticks should be soft and move easily at the joint.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone at the Club!

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Gary's Cole Slaw

INGREDIENTS

- $\bullet\,$ 3/4 of a small head of cabbage sliced as thinly as possible
- 5 oz. olive oil (extra virgin preferred)
- 4 oz. red wine vinegar
- Juice of one lemon
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley

DIRECTIONS

Place the sliced cabbage in a large mixing bowl. Combine the remaining ingredients and blend thoroughly. Season to taste. Pour over cabbage and toss well.
 Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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Thanksgiving Potatoes

INGREDIENTS

- 4 red potatoes
- 1/4 c. melted butter
- 1/2 c. cheddar cheese
- 4 oz. sour cream
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped onions
- 1/2 cup Parmesan Cheese

DIRECTIONS

 Boil potatoes until soft. Drain, cool, cut into one-inch cubes. Sauté 1/2 cup chopped onions in butter. Toss with potatoes and other ingredients. Spoon into greased baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until bubbling. Can be made the day before.



Fancy Mashed Potatoes

INGREDIENTS

- 5 lbs. Potatoes
- 2 cups sour cream
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1/4 lb. of margarine or butter1 tablespoon dill weed
- Salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

• Wash, peel and cook potatoes until soft. Turn in to an electric mixer and add sour cream, cream cheese and margarine (or butter) and other ingredients. Mix until smooth. Spoon into a greased 2 qt. casserole dish. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes, or until bubbly. The depth of the casserole dish may cause a variance in the baking time. These potatoes can be made days ahead of time and refrigerated.

Vanessa's Thanksgiving Dressing

Courtesy Vanessa Johnson, Bureau of Sanitation

INGREDIENTS

- 1 recipe baked cornbread
- 1 onion
- 1/2 loaf bread crumbs
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 stalk celery
- Salt and Pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

• Chop onion and celery and sauté in shortening or oil until tender. Add to bread mixture along with poultry seasoning, salt and pepper to taste and turkey broth as needed to moisten. Stir in a large pan, then add slightly beaten eggs and mix in well. Pour into well-greased pan and bake at 350 degrees for an hour, stirring several times. For additional broth, use canned broth.



Waldorf Salad

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup plain yogurt
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 2 apples
- 2 large celery stalks
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- Salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

• In small salad bowl, combine mayonnaise, yogurt and lemon juice to taste. Core apples, cut into bite-size pieces, dice celery. Add both to salad bowl, fold in nuts. Chill up to two hours. Toss before serving.



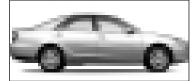
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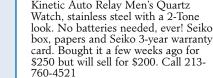
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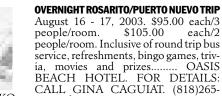
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Matchstick Men

Nicolas Cage stars as Roy Walker, a neurotic (which he plays brilliantly) professional matchstick man (con artist). Normally, Roy and his younger partner, Frank Mercer (Sam Rockwell), pull off small cons, but Frank meets a rich guy, Chuck Frechette (Bruce

McGill), and talks Roy into pulling off a big-money-type laundering scam.

During this time, Roy runs out of his pills, which relax him and controls his facial movements. Unable to get a hold of the doctor where he previously got the pills from, he is forced to find a new doctor. He finds Dr. Klein (Bruce Altman), who refuses to give him the pills he wants unless he agrees to therapy. Having no choice, he agrees and during a therapy session we learn that Roy was married and may have a child. The Doctor finds out that he has a 14-year-old daughter named Angela (Alison Lohman) and that she wants to meet him.

The father/daughter relationship is very enjoyable. Roy finally confesses his true profession to his daughter and then

starts to teach her a bit of the con game. He develops true feelings for her and tells her he wants to legally have visitation rights.

While spending time with his daughter, Frank calls Roy to tell him they have to move up their plans to right now for the big con. With no time to take his daughter home, he takes her with him and includes her in the con. While she makes a distraction, the con is completed. But something goes wrong and Chuck is running after the father/daughter team as they are driving out of the airport parking lot.

The movie moves very slowly until towards the very end when it speeds up and gives you a bit of a surprise. One picky note: You would think a man who was a neurotic neat freak would have the outside of his car clean and would also use air cleaner machines since he smokes so much.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

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— Lynne D. Wright, Airports

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Karen Rose

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- 352 pages Warner Books

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You can call or email your comments, concerns: EMAIL: ncotton@cityemployeesclub.com TEL: (800) 464-0452

If any member is participating in any local theatre productions, sports events, or volunteer events, let me know and I'll try to put an ad in next month's issue.

Theatre Tickets **	Retail Price	Club Price	Quantity	Total
AMC	\$9.00	\$5.00 X	= \$	
Krikorian Theatres				
GOOD ANY TIME	\$9.50	\$5.50 X	= \$	
Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists				
RESTRICTED TICKETS	\$9.00	\$5.50 X	=\$	
Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists				
GOOD ANY TIME	\$9.00	\$6.50 X	=\$	
Imax at Exposition Park - Adult	\$7.50	\$4.75 X	= \$	
Imax at Exposition Park - Child	\$4.50	\$3.50 X	= \$	
Cinemark Theatres	\$8.75	\$5.50 X	=\$	
Loews - Cineplex (Magic Johnson)	\$8.50	\$5.50 X	= \$	
Mann Theaters	\$9.00	\$6.00 X	=\$	
Pacific Walk/Drive In	\$9.00	\$5.00 X	= \$	
Theme Parks / Attractions **	Retail Price	Club Price	Quantity	Total
Aquarium of the Pacific - Adult	\$18.75	\$13.95 X	=\$	
Aquarium of the Pacific - Child 3-11	\$9.95	\$8.45 X	= \$	
Boomer's/Castle Park/Camelot Park/			_	
Family Fun Centers	\$20.00	\$14.00 X	= \$	
California Adventure - Adult or Child	\$45.00	\$34.00 X	= \$	
Clippers Vs. Toronto 12/28/03	\$65.00	\$50.00 X	= \$	
Disneyland - Adult or Child	\$50.00	\$34.00 X	= \$	
Knotts Scary Farm				
Please call for dates and availability		Call X	= \$	
Knotts Berry Farm - Adult	\$43.00	\$22.00 X	= \$	
Knotts Berry Farm - Child 3-11	\$32.00	\$10.50 X	=\$	
Lakers Vs. Cleveland (Kobe Vs. Labron)			•	
Phone orders only!		Call X	= \$	
Legoland - Adult Buy 3 get 1 FREE	\$41.95	\$29.95 X	= \$	
Legoland - Child	\$34.95	\$29.95 X	= \$	
Magic Mountain - Special Event 11/15/03	\$44.99	\$20.00 X	= \$	
Magic Mountain - Adult	\$44.99	\$21.50 X	= \$	
Magic Mountain - Child (under 48")	\$29.99	\$15.00 X	= \$	
Medieval Times - Adult (Sunday - Friday)	\$43.95	\$36.95 X	= \$	
Medieval Times - Child (Sunday - Friday)	\$39.95	\$27.95 X	= \$	
Movieland Wax Museum - Adult	\$12.95	\$7.50 X	= \$	
Movieland Wax Museum - Child 4-11	\$6.95	\$4.95 X	=\$	
Phantom of the Opera			_	
Please call for dates and availability		Call X	= \$	
Ripley's Believe It or Not - Adult	\$8.95	\$6.50 X	= \$	
Ripley's Believe It or Not - Child 4-11	\$5.95	\$3.95 X	= \$	
San Diego Zoo - Adult	\$32.00	\$25.00 X	= \$	
San Diego Zoo - Child 3-11	\$19.75	\$15.75 X	= \$	
Sea World - Adult	\$44.95	\$32.00 X	=\$	
Sea World - Child 3-9	\$34.95	\$28.00 X	= \$	
Universal Studios - Adult/Child	\$47.00	\$23.00 X	= \$	
Wild Animal Park - Adult	\$26.50	\$22.50 X	= \$	
Wild Animal Park - Child 3-11	\$19.50	\$17.00 X	= \$	
Wild Bills - Adult	\$39.95	\$29.50 X	= \$	
Wild Bills - Child 3-11	\$25.95	\$21.50 X	= \$	
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DISCOUNT TICKET ORDER FORM

Merchandise/Gift Certificates	Retail Price	Club Price	Quantity	Total
Golf 'n Stuff	\$26.50	\$11.50 X	= \$	
See's Candies Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	\$12.40	\$9.50 X	= \$	
Mulligan's Family Fun Center	\$15.00	\$10.00 X	= \$	
CLUB Travel Mug (\$3.50 shipping per mug)	\$12.99	\$8.00 X	= \$	
CLUB Hat Blue or Tan	\$18.00	\$10.00 X	= \$	
CLUB Pin	\$15.00	\$1.00 X	= \$	
SUB TOTAL			\$	_
Shipping & Handling				
Tickets: First Class Mail*		\$1.75	= \$	
Tickets: Certified Mail		\$3.50	= \$	
Hats & Mugs (\$3.50 per each item)		\$3.50 X	= \$	

TOTAL \$

To Order:

BY MAIL:

Complete the order form below and mail to:

Ticket Guy

City Employees Club of Los Angeles 350 S. Figueroa St., Ste. 700 Los Angeles, CA 9007 I BY PHONE: Call (800) 464-0452

BY WEBSITE:

Go to www.cityemployeesclub.com and click on Club Discounts.

Member Information

Member's name			
Home Street Address			
City		State	Zip
Home Phone	Work Phone		
Club Member Number			

Complete this Order Form (including totals), cut out this order form and mail it to:

Ticket Guy

City Employees Club of Los Angeles
350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700 • Los Angeles, CA 90071

- * When using First Class mail, please be aware that the Club cannot be responsible for tickets lost in the mail.
- ** Please be aware that black-out dates and restrictions may apply to the use of discounted tickets.

Payment

Check or Money Order enclosed (please paper clip to order form)

Make checks payable to City Employees Club of Los Angeles

Credit Card

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- Movies all major screens (up to 70% off)
- Plays, musicals, the arts, sports events

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- Births, weddings, retirements, deaths · Free Classifieds
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- Department of the Month
- DWP news
- Opinion column · Movie reviews
- Organized Club information

Group Rated Insurance Products

- Term Life Insurance
- Long Term Disability
- Short Term Disability Insurance
- Long Term Care Insurance
- Cancer Insurance
- Critical Care Insurance
- Group Rated Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance
- Group Rated Auto and Homeowners Insurance

- The Famous "Refund Check"
- Pet Insurance

More Benefits

- Free Notary Service
- Scholarships
- Employee-of-the-Year Award



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Meet the Club Team

These are the faces behind the Club. Our staff is dedicated to helping our members receive the maximum benefit from their membership. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions about your Club, our counselors are ready to help.



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